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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL**

May 23, 2006

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Surface Transportation Board (STB) Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 418X); BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment between Hannah Junction, North Dakota and McCanna, North Dakota**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 4, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 6.50 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 0.00, near Hannah Junction, North Dakota and railroad milepost 6.50, near McCanna, in Grand Forks County, North Dakota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 58251.

By STB decision served October 22, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective November 23, 2004. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of October 22, 2005. Pursuant to STB decision served October 21, 2005, the STB extended the consummation date until June 1, 2006. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

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